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AMENDMENT C

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Advisory Action dated November 29, 2005, which was in answer to the October 7, 2005 Amendment after Final Rejection. A Notice of Appeal was filed October 7, 2005 and received October 11, 2005, extending the term for response up to and including December 11, 2005. Thus, a Petition for a 3-month extension up to and including March 11, 2005 is hereby made. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0426 in the amount of \$1,020.00.